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GHOUL SCHOOL - Ross Ford Elementary kicked off an early Halloween with a grand costume parade through the school halls and a dance and sing-along celebration in the gymnasium. For more photos from the day, see page A6.

Local man awarded for heroic action

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

On Oct. 3, while away in Newfoundland, Mark Kimmel received word that he was the recipient of the Commendation Citation award by the Lifesaving Society of Canada.

The citation is awarded to a person who is deserving of recognition for a humanitarian act.

Kimmel's act originated earlier that year, following a series of cold spells that lead up to March 12, 2011.

Miller McCoy, age 73, was visiting his nephew Kimmel at Kimmel's private ice-fishing dugout on his farm.

The dugout was aerated from below, keeping a hole open on the surface of the ice throughout the winter as a result.

"He was at my place, and I was at the neighbour's down the road about a mile away, getting straw for the kids and chatting about hockey and that sort of stuff," said Kimmel.

Meanwhile, in his heavy winter wear,

McCoy waited for his nephew to return.

"Finally I was sitting there and said, 'Oh hell', got out my fishing rod and went to go fishing anyway," said McCoy.

Unfortunately, there was a problem with the ice that neither Kimmel nor McCoy was aware of.

The aerated hole had been much larger just a few weeks before, but due to the severe cold snap, the hole had contracted and shrunk, leaving a thinner crust of ice around it, unbeknownst to either of the men.

"When I walked on it, it never cracked," McCoy explained. "The current under the water from the aeration took my bobber out of my sight. There was a log there, and I smacked the ice with it to break off a piece to see it. I was probably about six feet from the actual hole."

However, as he turned around the thinner than suspected ice broke from beneath him.

"Down I went," McCoy said. "I wasn't worried though, I stayed calm and tried to get out. I put my arm up and pushed to

the edge of the ice and held on. But with my big heavy winter coat and boots and all that, and the current underneath it was hard, and I ended up breaking off other pieces of ice."

McCoy held strong though.

Fifteen minutes later, Kimmel returned to his farm and spotted McCoy trapped in the water.

"I come around the corner and I see his head sticking out of the ice," said Kimmel. "And the first thing I thought was, 'What did you do now, boy?'"

Kimmel first went to turn off the air line and kill the current in the water, then ran out to help his trapped uncle in the freezing water.

There was a chair nearby, which Kimmel passed to McCoy to help hoist him from the water. However, McCoy's hands slipped.

"I couldn't hold on, so he crawled out on the ice on his stomach and got me by the wrists," said McCoy. "After that I had to be like a walrus and flopped my way out."

Kimmel pulled McCoy out of the icy water and onto the thicker, safer surface, then quickly got his tired uncle inside and removed the wet clothes.

"I got him inside and thawed out, we sat drinking coffee and Baileys for over an hour," said Kimmel.

"I was shaking there for the better time I was inside, all purple, but when it stopped I got in my truck and went home," said McCoy.

McCoy was perfectly fine after the rescue, with no hospital visit required. However, while Kimmel said that McCoy seemed rather calm about the whole ordeal, McCoy admits that looking back now, and even a night after the event, it was indeed a very scary situation.

"It was just one of those things, it was an honest mistake because of that ice crust," McCoy said.

McCoy told his wife, Elaine, the story of his rescue, and Elaine signed up and told the tale to the Livesaving Society of Canada.

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Truck thieves lead police on 'crazy fast' pursuit

Pair of Dodge Rams stolen and jewels lifted during break-in at rural residence south of Olds

JOHNNIE BACHUSKY
Review Staff

Didsbury and Olds RCMP are looking for two suspects who led police on a "crazy fast" pursuit on a rural road during an afternoon crime spree when two trucks were stolen and jewelry was lifted during a burglary at a rural residence.

Cpl. Warren Wright, of the Didsbury RCMP, said his detachment received a call from the Calgary Police Service at about noon on Oct. 26 that a 2006 Dodge Ram pickup truck had been stolen from a city industrial yard. Wright said keys for the truck had been removed from a shop at the yard.

Didsbury RCMP was advised the truck had a GPS tracking device and was in the area, northwest of Didsbury.

Wright said Didsbury RCMP went to

the area and met members of Olds RCMP. He said the truck was spotted at about 1 p.m. and a pursuit was initiated. It was terminated after about a minute, said Wright.

"It wasn't like he was evading us. We had to stop as he was going crazy fast," said Wright, adding police saw one male in the fleeing truck. "We had to terminate pursuit because it was estimated he was accelerating beyond 160 kilometres an hour on a rural road. We did not want the public to be put in danger because of this pursuit."

Wright said while RCMP terminated its pursuit members continued to track the suspect through the GPS in the truck.

"The problem with the GPS was a four-minute delay. We were always four minutes behind," said Wright.

Meanwhile, RCMP did determine the suspect ultimately headed east across

the QE II and near the intersection of Rge. Rd. 281 and Twp. Rd. 322.

In that area a vehicle drove into a farmyard south of Olds and two people entered a farm residence and stole personal property, including jewelry, said Wright.

"It was a quick in and out thing. It was random and driven by opportunity," said Wright, adding the time of the break-in was about 2:15 p.m. "They had to have known police were searching for them."

He said the homeowner was at the home during the burglary and heard two voices. The homeowner did not see the burglars' faces but did see the truck, said Wright.

Wright said the burglars immediately left the scene without harming the homeowner and headed south.

He said RCMP continued to track the

Dodge truck and police ultimately located it east of Carstairs, abandoned in a farmyard, just north of Hwy. 581 and Rge. Rd. 284. Wright said a police dog was immediately sent to the scene. It was determined the suspects fled the scene in another vehicle, said Wright.

"We speculate they were on their cellphones and had somebody meet them in that area," he said.

Later that afternoon RCMP received a report of another stolen truck, a white 1996 Dodge Ram from a farmyard a few kilometres southwest of where the first truck was found abandoned.

"We believe the thefts are related. It is too coincidental not to be," said Wright.

Anyone with information about the thefts or the whereabouts of the culprits, believed to be two males, is asked to contact Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382 or Olds RCMP at 403-556-3324.

Didsbury man saves uncle's life

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"It's secondary, really, to having a live uncle," said Kimmel of receiving the award. "I look at it as luck of the draw, I was in the right place at the right time. Anyone would have done the same thing for him."

"In my opinion, he should have gotten the award," Kimmel then laughed. "A 73-year-old man treading cold water in a heavy coat like that for 15 minutes, it's not something most guys his age can do."

"The fact is, he saved my life, and he definitely took a big chance to come out onto the ice after I fell through," said McCoy. "We really should try to recognize him, with this award or just ourselves."



Submitted photo

BOOST FOR DIDSBURY BAND

The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce Gala Committee presented a cheque for \$1,500 to the Didsbury High School Band for their London, England trip. The DHS Band was one of six bands chosen from across Canada to represent the musical talent of Canadian youth and the many venues and performances they will play at the overseas festival. Pictured at right, President Diana Steer hands the cheque to the accepting representatives of the band on Oct. 24.



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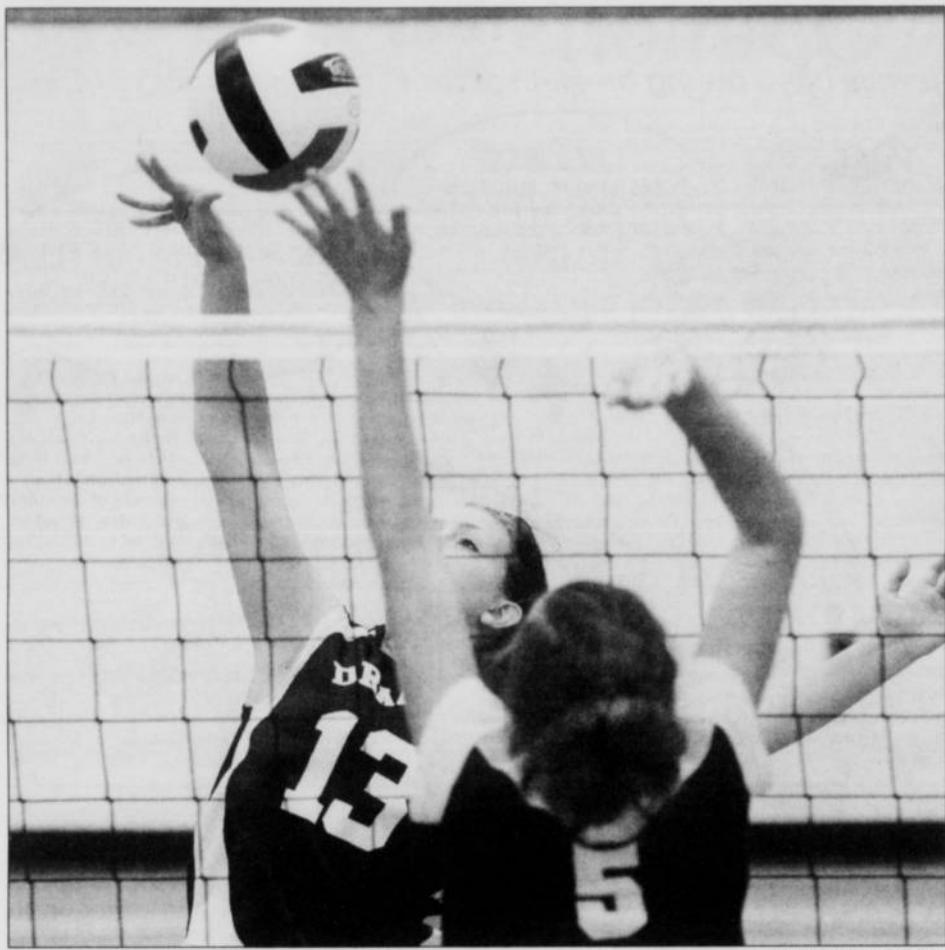
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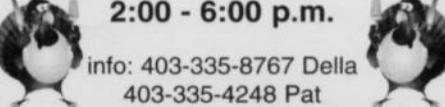
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Opinion

Editorial Premier should act on drunk driving

DAN SINGLETON

With hundreds of Canadians of all ages having already died this year at the hands of drunk drivers, the long and grim line of impaired driving deaths dating back decades continues to grow without interruption.

Unmatched in its ability to destroy lives and cost millions and millions of dollars in health care and policing every year, drunk driving is probably the most widely condemned and hated criminal offence anywhere in Canada today – and for good reason.

As such, newly elected Alberta Premier Alison Redford should be encouraged to make the fight against drunk driving one of her government's top priorities.

And while drunk driving carnage is nothing new in Alberta – the province, sadly, has one of the worst drunk driving per capita records in Canada – the fact that impaired driving deaths continue to pile up is proof positive that more needs to be done.

Although tougher drunk driving laws will have to come from the federal government, Premier Redford already has a ready-made way to take up the drunk driving fight. That is, she could and should follow the lead of British Columbia in imposing harsh new provincial administrative penalties against impaired motorists here.

In B.C., drivers pulled over and found to have high blood alcohol levels not only face Criminal Code charges, they also now face mandatory vehicle impounds and hundreds of dollars in administrative penalties.

Last week Premier Redford reportedly said she is considering following B.C.'s lead.

"I've spoken for a long time about administrative penalties for drunk driving," said Redford. "I did that when I was minister of justice and I did that during the leadership campaign as well."

"I've said it's part of what my commitments will be. We'll ask the justice minister to take a look at that, but it's certainly been part of the agenda I've committed to bring forward."

B.C. premier Christy Clark says the new penalties have already had a positive impact on drunk driving in her province.

"If you go and you talk to the families of people who have lost loved ones to drunk drivers, you find out pretty quick how much they would have appreciated laws that might have cut drunk driving fatalities in half because it might have been their relatives who were spared," said Clark.

West Central Alberta residents, along with all other Albertans, will be closely watching to see how Premier Redford tackles the scourge of impaired driving.

If imposing British Columbia-style penalties in Alberta will help stem the drunk driving carnage, then Premier Redford can rest assured she will have the support of the vast majority of Albertans in doing so.



Letter to the editor **DHS band needs more support**

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my disappointment with our town council, federal and provincial governments as well as the oil and gas companies who carry on business in and around Didsbury.

In your recent article in the October 25 edition of the *Review*, you wrote of the fundraising efforts of the Didsbury Band Society for the upcoming 2012 band trip to London, England. I am glad to see some local organizations stepping up to the plate, but unfortunately much more is needed.

The Didsbury High School band has been invited to perform at the 2012 Canadian and Friends Band Festival in London, England, in April. Dr. Glenn D. Price, president of the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles and a leading international conductor, will be the festival leader. In order to participate in this festival, interested bands had to audition for a spot. Dr. Price is a professor of music at the University of Calgary. He was an adjudicator at the Whistler, B.C. Band Festival in 2010 and after hearing our band play, invited them to be one of the five Canadian bands chosen to perform

in England.

This is an incredible honour and opportunity for our children to be part of an international music festival and to learn new skills from and interact with musicians from other parts of the world.

For the last year, the Didsbury Band Society has applied to numerous private and government organizations, including the Town of Didsbury, the provincial and federal governments and the local oil and gas companies for funding grants. To date, they have been refused any substantial financial assistance. The society was hoping to receive monies to either cover or defray some of the costs to parents for their child's travel expenses, as well as money to cover the cost of new shirts and jackets for the band members. There are also some students who will be missing out on this rare opportunity because they cannot afford to go. I think this is shameful.

The DHS band is representing not only Didsbury, but Alberta and Canada on an international stage and we cannot manage to support them. We can, however, fund numerous other artistic endeavours throughout the country. If you search the web for both the Canada

Council of the Arts and the Culture Alberta websites you can browse the list of recent grant recipients. Here is a small sampling of the millions of dollars distributed to community groups, professional organizations and commercial ventures in Alberta alone in 2010: Theatre Calgary, \$120,000; Freehold Petroleum & Natural Gas Owners Association, \$12,092.65; Happy Cat Sanctuary Society of Alberta, \$12,324.92; History Graduate Students Association of Calgary, \$15,455.35; Altador Gymnastics Club, \$18,408; Al Azhar Shrine (Mounted Patrol) Society, \$16,834, to name just a few.

I am sure all of the recipients' deserve their grant monies, but are our children not just as deserving? The DHS band members have practised long and hard to achieve their current level of excellence. They are being recognized by people outside their community for their hard work, but cannot seem to find the support they deserve from their own town, province or country. How can we expect these Didsbury kids to continue to strive for excellence in all they do, when we ourselves place so little value on their achievement?

*Wendy Bauer
Didsbury*

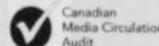
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Local rodeo star inducted into hall of fame



BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
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Longtime Didsbury resident and lifelong title-winning bronc rider Glen O'Neill has been inducted into the Canadian Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame (CPRHF).

The CPRHF is a not-for-profit organization that looks to preserve and honour rodeo memorabilia and pro riders across Canada.

"It's pretty awesome," said O'Neill about his induction. "For the retired guys it's a great recognition of your career."

O'Neill retired from his official rodeo career five years ago, now age 38, but began his award-winning journey when he was just a child, taking an interest in the sport at a young age while living in Australia.

"I grew up on a ranch and we had cattle, and we did a lot of events that were in conjunction with horses and rodeos," said O'Neill. "That's how I got interested."

It was not an immediate jump into the saddle for O'Neill, though. He waited until he was older, around the age of 17, before getting on his first bucking horse, and starting a lifelong sports passion.

"I was instantly hooked," said O'Neill.

O'Neill went to a school to start off his rodeo career, working up the ranks as his skill and experience increased.

"Like anything, you start at a novice level and work up," said O'Neill.

Between 1990 and 1992, O'Neill made a name for himself in the Australian rodeo scene, winning Rookie of the Year and the professional amateur title.

O'Neill's first taste of Canadian rodeo was in 1993 though, travelling to Alberta to take part in the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association event.

"It was great, my first time in Canada, I really enjoyed it," said O'Neill, who travelled with friends to compete.

O'Neill would return to Canada periodically, winning the \$50,000 prize in Calgary in 1995 and a Canadian champion title in 2000.

He was runner-up in the world championships in 2001 and 2003, and took the world champ title in 2002.

During this time, O'Neill settled in Canada and married in 1996, moving to Didsbury after 2000, where he's lived with his family for over 10 years.

In 2004 however, O'Neill broke his leg and was out of commission for five months.

"I was on the horse, in a bad position I suppose," said O'Neill. "It's a bit hard to explain, but basically my foot was caught in the saddle."

When he recovered, however, he returned to the sport as soon as he could.

"I got right back in right away," said O'Neill.

O'Neill's informal induction ceremony was held at the Ponoka Stampede grounds this month as per his choosing, and feels good about the commemoration.

"It's a pretty good feeling to be acknowledged," he said. "The thing about it for me was always the event. It really fascinated me and I really enjoyed it. That's why I did it. I travelled many miles because I loved the sport."

Didsbury's Glen O'Neill scored a 94.5, aboard Cool Alley, a world record score in saddle bronc, at the 2006 Calgary Stampede. The record breaking score earned him a spot in the Sunday \$100,000 round where War Cry got the better of him.

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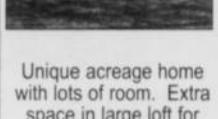
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MERGE will be playing live at Tracks pub in Olds on Nov. 11

MERGE blends unique rock sounds for Olds performance

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

A new band from Vancouver will be coming to Olds, bringing with it a local Didsbury flavour.

MERGE, a melodic four-piece rock band will be playing at Tracks Pub on Nov. 11.

The band is currently getting airplay for its new single "Wreckage" in Olds on radio station ROCK 104.

MERGE consists of lead singer David Anthony, drummer Mac White, bassist Warren Stecally, and former Didsbury resident and lead guitarist and backup vocalist Steve McMullen.

McMullen was born in Red Deer, but grew up in Didsbury, living there for 21 years before pursuing a career in music more actively in Vancouver.

"As a kid, I always had an interest in music, I was embedded in rock," said McMullen. "Vancouver tends to be a more vibrant music community in general, with good music and great feeling out there. I felt that it was a good move in trying to pursue a music career."

McMullen was first hired by Anthony to join Anthony's former band, the David Anthony Project, and the two hit it off.

"There was really good energy writing together, there was chemistry right away," said Anthony.

White and Stecally later joined the new musical endeavour, and MERGE was born.

The band name comes from the blend of rock music styles, according to Anthony. Both he and McMullen share

different rock influences, with Anthony very much inspired by the Beatles and McMullen having grown up with Metallica and the influence of many late '80s heavy and rap-rock sounds.

As a four-piece group, Anthony says the chemistry is great and that playing together has been a blast.

"It's always fun, why would you be doing it if you're not having fun?" said Anthony. "It's about having as much fun as possible, it's the energy of life. We do get down and dirty and work hard too, but music is an exciting part of life and we're living it."

Their new radio single is the first for the band, and has been receiving good response so far, according to McMullen.

"When I started writing the song, a female friend of mine had gone through a breakup," said Anthony. "Everyone's had their heart broken after a while by something. It's about going out and trying to forget that stinky stuff."

McMullen and Anthony hope that MERGE's shows continue, hopefully across Canada, to large or small venues to get a taste for the country and provinces and their various music scenes.

"Radio play takes us where we need to go," said Anthony.

As for McMullen, who will be visiting Didsbury after living in Vancouver for over five years, he is anticipating the trip home.

"A lot of friends I haven't seen since graduation, it will be a neat opportunity for me to see them again," he said.

For more information about MERGE, visit www.facebook.com/mergeband

It's that time again where parents get their warm mitts on & huddle together in the stands as their 'hockey players' take the ice!

Congratulations to **Anthony Sayer, Dax & Teagan Walker, Galvin Nygard, Kade Kruger, Nicholas & Natalee Tersigni, Seth Brander, Justin Campbell, Tristan Visser & Jace Dolinski**! All the kids are enthusiastic about the coming season and ready for fun games, meeting new friends & of course the concession stand! The Tyke 2 team and parents want to say "Thank You" to the coaches: **Graham Sayer, Kevin Tersigni, Kevin Campbell & Ian Brander**! Also a big "Thank You" from everyone to **Terry Thorpe** for sponsoring the Tyke 2 hockey jackets! HERE ARE THE COMING GAME DATES to put in your calendar: Nov 12 in Crossfield @ 1:30pm, Nov 19 in Olds @ 7:30am, Nov 26 in Carstairs @ 9:30am, Nov 27 in Didsbury @ 9:30am, Dec 10 in Didsbury @ 12:45pm & Dec 18 in Didsbury @ 8am.

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Hit and runs abound

Accidents a chain event between fenders, crashes and drunk driving

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

A hit and run occurred in Didsbury on Oct. 16, some time between 8 p.m. and midnight.

The owner of a white Dodge Ram truck observed substantial damage to the passenger back-end of the vehicle.

However, the damage was not realized until later that evening. In that time the truck had been parked in two locations, JD's Pub and the Didsbury Memorial Arena, and the hit could have occurred at either place.

Damage estimated is over \$2,000.

On Oct. 22, between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m., a vehicle ran into and struck the Subway restaurant building in Carstairs.

The unknown vehicle left blue and red paint on the building's north side, as well as damaging it.

RCMP will continue investigating the

incident.

On Oct. 21, between 11:30 p.m. and 2 a.m. an erratic vehicle was spotted driving in Carstairs.

The vehicle, a newer Ford Fusion, had pulled off the road in a nearby field off of Idaho Street. The vehicle was driven into the mud there and became stuck as a result.

The 36-year-old female driver from Innisfail was suspected to be intoxicated, and RCMP reported that the suspect was 200 milligrams over the legal percentage.

A 12-year-old boy, the driver's son, was also in the vehicle.

The driver and car were found linked to a hit and run that occurred on Gleneagles Drive in Carstairs that same evening, along with some damage to plant boxes along the road.

The son was picked up by other family members to take home and the female driver was charged.



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Children and adults gathered for a book presentation and reading at the Didsbury Municipal Library on Oct. 27, during Snapshot Day. The day is being recognized in libraries throughout Alberta to collect information on library statistics.

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Police advisory committee alive and well in Didsbury

MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

Didsbury's own Regional Community Police Advisory Committee has been a well-kept secret for well over a year.

The committee is dedicated to developing and funding programs to assist police and educators, being a focal point and voice for the communities it serves, operating an effective, volunteer-driven organization, maintaining a daily presence in the community and becoming an independent and self-sustaining partner in the community.

"We have different ideas of what we can do to enhance the policing in the community," said Ian Kennedy, chairperson of the committee.

Currently the committee has eight members, several of which represent other

townships and communities outside Didsbury involved with the group.

The committee is also hoping to have a storefront office located in Didsbury in the new year, open as early as January or February 2012.

"We hope to go out and spend a day in the towns we serve too. We'd like to go to Water Valley, for example, for a day and set up shop there to garner interest," Kennedy explained.

The committee is not to be confused with a rural community crime watch group, however.

"We have a relationship with the RCMP, while crime watch groups still remain separate entities," Kennedy explains.

"From an RCMP perspective, we want the community to have a voice," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP. "We want

the community to be a part of the solution and to identify and solve problems."

A group of a similar nature did exist in Didsbury some time ago as well, but it dissolved due to inactivity.

This committee, however, is very much active, according to Kennedy. "We are alive and well," he said.

Kennedy's interest in community safety and safety work first began when he moved to Didsbury six years ago from Calgary.

"In Calgary, you get home, lock your door, and the world goes on outside," he explained. "Here, things tend to affect you more personally, in a small town."

The committee will be holding a meeting at the Didsbury RCMP detachment on Nov. 9, at 7 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public and any and all



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Ian Kennedy, Chairperson of the Didsbury Regional Community Police Advisory Committee

interested from Didsbury or the surrounding area are welcomed to come and join or learn more about the committee.

"It provides the opportunity for people who want to make a difference," said Jacobson. "We encourage anyone who has that desire to attend this meeting."

Jazz Fest back for its second year

JULIE BERTRAND
MVP Staff

Band students from 16 schools in Central Alberta will be taking part in the upcoming Chinook's Edge Jazz Fest.

The Jazz Fest, which is back for the second year, will take place at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury and the TransCanada Theatre in Olds.

Didsbury High School music teacher Kirk Wassmer started the Jazz Fest in 2010 because he wanted the school division to have a program for jazz students to help them improve.

"We started as a thing for the schools in Chinook's Edge School Division," he said.

"We have now expanded to include a band from

Airdrie and one from Chestermere."

The Jazz Fest has two components: the educational workshops and the concerts at the TransCanada Theatre.

During the workshops, which will take place on Nov. 8 and 9 at the Zion Church, students work with coaches and musicians to hone their craft.

"Then, at lunchtime, the clinicians do a mini-concert so that the students get a chance to hear music performed live," said Wassmer.

The public is welcome to attend the workshops at the church.

"They can just show up at the church and come in," said Wassmer.

For the second component, there will be three

evening concerts at the TransCanada Theatre.

"It is an opportunity for the students that are doing the workshop during the day to come in and hear live jazz music," said Wassmer.

"That is how you learn about the style."

On Nov. 7, the Didsbury High School jazz band, the Olds High School jazz band and the Red Deer College big band will give a concert.

On Nov. 8, it will be Hot Club Edmonton's turn to play.

The group recently won the award for best instrumental album at the Western Canada Music Awards.

"They will be phenomenal. They call the style of music they play gypsy jazz," said Wassmer.

"It takes you right back to Paris in the 1930s and

1940s. It is really neat stuff."

Moreover, group violinist Daniel Gervais has just won the grand Master Fiddle Championship, which means he is one of the best violinists in Canada.

Calgary Jazz Orchestra will close the Jazz Fest on Nov. 9.

"They played one night last year and just blew the doors off the TransCanada Theatre. They are so good," said Wassmer.

Group director Johnny Summers will also take part in the student workshops during the day.

Tickets for the concerts are available at Olds High School, Didsbury High School, Shoppers Drug Mart in Olds, Pharmasave in Didsbury and Macy's Restaurant in Didsbury.

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George Allan Overguard, 93 passed away peacefully Monday, October 24, 2011 at the Sundre General Hospital after a brief battle with phenomena. He is predeceased by parents, Martin & Maude Overguard, brothers John and Frank Overguard, sister Doris Doyle and grandson Scott Jackson. George is survived by his children Judy (Art) Mikal, Joanne (Joe) Jackson, Dennis (Joanne) Overguard, Martin (Yvonne) Overguard, Steve (Debbie) Overguard as well as 16 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. George was born on December 22, 1917 in a homestead cabin at the foot of a hill in James River (on the quarter which is currently owned by Bob Nichols) to Martin & Maude Overguard. He was the second boy, born after his brother Wilf. His younger brothers Ken, Frank & John were born in the following years followed by his only sister Doris. The family farmed in the James River area, and ran a large operation, which included a Blacksmith Shop, Sawmill, Dairy and Beef Cattle farm. They also operated a Livery Stable in Olds that George remembered well. George attended Rockwood School and always competed in the School Fair, one year winning the high point award, which entitled him to a one-week trip to the Olds Agricultural School. It was in the one room Rockwood school house that George first met the love of his life, Vivian Markin. She was the neighbour girl and she said they hit it off right away. After completing Grade six, George went to work in Hunter Valley on the first wooden drilling rig west of Sundre. His duties were cutting wood & stoking the furnace to operate the boiler. He also was responsible for disposing of the drilling cable, which still appears in numerous locations on the south side of the road to the Ya Ha Tinda. After working on the rig for some time he returned to James River and continued farming & breaking land with his brother Wilf. George and Vivian got engaged and instead of waiting for their planned date, decided the night before to get married. On April 20, 1940 they drove to Olds with Vivian's dad and George's mom and found a minister that would marry them that day. He often told us he started his married life with \$5 and 1 cow. Vivian & George then moved west of Sundre to 'The Flat'. They farmed and George worked in Turner Valley Oilfield for a short time. It was on 'The Flat' that the couple had their first child, Judith Irene on June 13, 1943 followed by Joanne Marie on Aug. 1, 1946. In 1948 the family moved to their present farm six miles north of Sundre where Vivian still resides today. On May 10, 1952, the couple celebrated the birth of their first son, Dennis George followed by Martin John on Feb. 7, 1955 and with the birth of Steven Dale July 15, 1960 their family was complete. George loved to lend a hand and could always be counted on to help out a neighbour in need. He was very active in the community and was a founding member of the Indoor Skating Arena Committee in 1967, and the Sundre & District Agricultural Society in 1971. George was a valuable member of the School Fair Committee for over 30 years, an event his children and grandchildren also participated in. He loved having grandchildren and really enjoyed spending time with each of them. He faithfully watched his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren play hockey at the arena, ball at the diamonds, or compete in other athletic events. George played lots of sports growing up and was a very good softball pitcher, as well as a 'long ball hitter'. George and Vivian loved to dance. They never missed the community dance held the first Friday of each month at the James River Hall taking their kids with them to enjoy the event. This past April, George and Vivian celebrated their 71st Anniversary together at home. An accomplishment that few ever achieve. In August of 2011 George received an award from the Canadian Wheat Board recognizing him for over 70 years of producing Grain & Barley contributing to feeding thousands of people around the world. We are so proud of Dad & Grandad for leading such a fulfilling life. His integrity and strong character has left us with a legacy that we will always respect and remember. Thank you Dad & Grandad for everything you have done for us.



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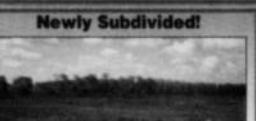
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